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E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)
SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE

REF: (A) MOSCOW 04266 AND PREVIOUS, (B) BROWN-ALEXANDER TELCONS OF MARCH 13 AND 14

1. POLCOUNSELOR CALLED ON FEDOSEYEV MARCH 14. FOLLOWING POINTS ARRANGED:

2. KIEV VS. ODESSA: IN RESPONSE TO REMARK THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED FINAL CONFIRMATION OF CODEL'S PREFERENCE ON KIEV OR ODESSA, FEDOSEYEV SAID THE MATTER WAS NO LONGER QUESTION OF PREFERENCE: AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HAD MET WITH CHAIRMAN PRICE ON MARCH 9. FULL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED THAT ITINERARY WAS LENINGRAD, MOSCOW AND KIEV AND CHAIRMAN PRICE HAD EXPRESSED "FULL SATISFACTION" WITH THIS ITINERARY. KIEV AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE CHANGES. BESIDES, SAID FEDOSEY-EV, IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT PROPER FACILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL PLANE EXISTED IN ODESSA.

3. CALLS: FEDOSEYEV CONFIRMED THAT IN MOSCOW, CODEL WILL BE RECEIVED BY SUPREME SOVIET, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND THE USA INSTITUTE. IN LENINGRAD AND KIEV CODEL WOULD BE RECEIVED BY "SENIOR, LEADING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS". HE WAS NOT YET ABLE TO GIVE ANY SPECIFIC NAMES OF THOSE WHO WOULD RECEIVE CODEL IN ANY OF THE THREE CITIES.

4. RECEPTIONS: POLCOUNSELOR INFORMED FEDOSEYEV THAT

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AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL GENERAL PLANNED TO HOLD RECEPTIONS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT IN MOSCOW SUPREME SOVIET WOULD HOST A FUNCTION PROBABLY LUNCHEON MARCH 27 OR 28. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT SOVIETS WOULD HOST FUNCTIONS IN LENINGRAD AND KIEV.

5. WORKING WITH INTOURIST: NOTING THAT CODEL WOULD BE REQUESTING HOTELS, TRANSPORTATION THROUGH INTOURIST, POL-COUNSELOR ASKED THAT FEDOSEYEV GET IN TOUCH WITH INTOURIST TO FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS AND KEEP US INFORMED. FEDOSEYEV AGREED, SAYING HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM WITH HOTELS.

6. SOVIET REQUESTS: FEDOSEYEV SAID HE NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE COMPLETE UPDATED LIST OF ALL CODEL MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND STAFF, PLUS REVISED FLIGHT PLAN TO INCLUDE KIEV. TOON

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